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**From:** Minoli, Kevin  
**Sent:** Mon 5/22/2017 4:05:49 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Fox News inquiry on Pebble Mine settlement

Hi Liz and Nancy- Justin took a first shot and then I edited/added some info. If we missed the mark, let us know. I've cc'd Michelle and Mike as well. Kevin

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Kevin

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**From:** Bowman, Liz

**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 11:06 AM

**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Schwab, Justin <schwab.justin@epa.gov>; Minoli, Kevin <Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Fox News inquiry on Pebble Mine settlement

Thanks, Nancy. We can work with our legal staff and DOJ to try to answer these questions.

**From:** Grantham, Nancy

**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:58 AM

**To:** Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Schwab, Justin <[schwab.justin@epa.gov](mailto:schwab.justin@epa.gov)>; Minoli, Kevin <[Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov](mailto:Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Fox News inquiry on Pebble Mine settlement

Please see below – region 10 thinks HQ should answer. Reporter has the press release and the settlement document.

Thoughts?

Thanks ng

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On May 18, 2017, at 10:05 AM, Springer, Dan <[Dan.Springer@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Dan.Springer@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Suzanne,

What's confusing to me is the apparent inconsistency that EPA is going to withdraw its proposed determination (that the mine can not be done and be in compliance with the CWA) while at the same time still use the watershed assessment in Bristol Bay that led to its proposed determination. If EPA will rely on the same science how can Pebble Limited Partnership get final approval from EPA?

Also, what prompted EPA to agree with this settlement? This has been a hot-button issue especially for national environmental groups for many years. They thought it was entirely appropriate for EPA to reject the mine in a pre-emptive assessment.

Thanks,

Dan

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**From:** Skadowski, Suzanne [<mailto:Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 9:23 AM  
**To:** Springer, Dan  
**Subject:** Re: Pebble Mine

Hi Dan,

Sorry I missed your email earlier. I'm deployed this week on an emergency response down in Portland. I've passed your request on to my team, asking someone to call you back asap. If you don't hear from EPA today, let me know and I'll follow up. Thanks for your patience.

Thanks,

Suzanne

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On May 17, 2017, at 12:28 PM, Springer, Dan <[Dan.Springer@FOXNEWS.COM](mailto:Dan.Springer@FOXNEWS.COM)> wrote:

Hi Suzanne,

Can I get a call from you to discuss the settlement with Pebble Mine?

Thanks,

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